

City of Clewiston
Special Magistrate
Regular Hearing
July 20, 2010

The City of Clewiston Special Magistrate held its regular meeting in the city hall commission chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, on Tuesday, July 20, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Magistrate Watt.

Attendance

Magistrate present: James L. Watt

Personnel present: Pete Garcia, Marilyn McCorvey, Travis Reese, Debra Towner

Visitor(s) present: Jesus Avila, Maria De la Fuente, Gerd Ewert, Gilberto & Ana Gil, Francisco Maldonado, Lavonne Sherrell

Special Magistrate Watt briefly summarized the purpose of the hearing. He also swore in all parties intending to present testimony.

Case No. 10-0011/Francisco & Juanita Maldonado:

Chairman Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 10-0011, for the property located at 252 Basilan Crescent, owners of record, Francisco & Juanita Maldonado.

Mr. Reese stated that the violation is accumulation of trash & debris according to code section 18-640 (a)(2). The owner's of the property received first notice of the violation on 6/7/10. When they did not comply, a notice to appear was hand delivered on 7/8/10 by the Clewiston Police Department.

Code Officer Garcia verified pictures with the owner of the property. The owners' daughter stated that the property has been cleaned up.

The City of Clewiston recommended thirty (30) days to comply and remove the remaining part of debris, namely a concrete fence that had been installed without a permit.

Mr. Watt ruled that the owner has thirty (30) days to remove the debris and contact the office that it has been completed at which time the code officer will verify closure of this case. Failure to comply will result in another notice to appear.

Case No. 10-0022/Gerd Ewert & Dara S. Green

Chairman Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 10-0022, for the property located at 500 South WC Owen Avenue a.k.a. Sugarland Trailer Park, owners of record, Gerd Ewert & Dara S. Green.

Mr. Reese stated that the violation is unlawful/unsafe sign according to code section 18-449. The owner's of the property received first notice of the violation on 5/28/10. When they did not comply, a notice to appear was hand delivered on 7/14/10 by the Clewiston Police Department.

Code Officer Garcia verified pictures of the sign at the entrance of the park with the owner of the property. It was still in violation as of 7/6/10. Mr. Ewert stated that the sign was removed on 7/14/10.

The City of Clewiston recommended and Mr. Watt ruled that the owner has thirty (30) days to remove the sign and contact the office that it has been completed at which time the code officer will verify closure

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of this case. Failure to comply will result in another notice to appear.

Case No. 10-0024/Gilberto & Ana Gil:

Chairman Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 10-0024, for the property located at 202 West Ventura, owners of record, Gilberto & Ana Gil.

Mr. Reese stated that the violation is an unsafe/unlawful sign according to code section 18-449. The owner's of the property received first notice of the violation on 5/28/10. When they did not comply, a notice to appear was hand

delivered on 7/13/10 by the Clewiston Police Department. Mr. Gil has obtained an electrical permit for repair of the sign. Mr. Reese recommended that they allow Mr. Gil forty-five (45) days to secure the proper permits to bring the sign in compliance.

Code Officer Garcia verified pictures with the owner of the property.

Mr. Watt ruled that the owner has thirty (30) days to repair the sign and contact the office that it has been completed at which time the code officer will verify closure of this case. Failure to comply will result in another notice to appear.

Case No. 10-0027/Lavonne Sherrell:

Chairman Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 10-0027, for the property located at 839 East Alverdez Avenue, owner of record, Lavonne Sherrell.

Mr. Reese stated that the violation is an unsafe/unlawful sign according to code section 18-449. The owner of the property received first notice of the violation on 5/28/10. When they did not comply, a notice to appear was hand delivered on 7/8/10 by the Clewiston Police Department.

Code Officer Garcia verified pictures with the owner of the property.

Mr. Sherrell testified that he removed the sign the day after receiving the notice to appear. Mr. Watt ruled that the City of Clewiston has thirty (30) days to verify closure of this case. Failure to comply will result in another notice to appear.

Case No. 10-0029/Jesus Avila:

Chairman Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 10-0029, for the property located at 426 West Sugarland Hwy., owner of record, Francisco & Juanita Maldonado.

Mr. Reese stated that the violation is unlawful/unsafe sign according to code section 18-449. The owner of the property received first notice of the violation on 5/28/10. When they did not comply, a notice to appear was hand delivered on 7/8/10 by Code Enforcement Officer Garcia.

Code Officer Garcia verified pictures with the owner of the property.

Mr. Avila testified that he removed the sign the day after receiving the notice to appear. Mr. Watt ruled that the City of Clewiston has thirty (30) days to verify closure of this case. Failure to comply will result in another notice to appear.

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Case No. 10-0002/Motel Plaza, Inc.:

Chairman Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 10-0002, for the property located at 621 East Sugarland Hwy., owner of record, Motel Plaza, Inc.

Mr. Reese stated that the violation is accumulation of trash & debris according to code section 34-84. The owner of the property received first notice of the violation on 5/20/10. When they did not comply, a notice to appear was hand delivered on 7/8/10 by the Clewiston Police Department.

Code Officer Garcia verified pictures of the property.

The owner was not present and no response had been received in writing or verbally. Officer Garcia has only had conversation with the clerk who runs the front desk.

Mr. Watt ruled that the owner has thirty (30) days to remove the debris and contact the office that it has been completed at which time the code officer will verify closure of this case. Failure to comply will result in another notice to appear.

Case No. 10-0023/Donna Rae Keen:

Chairman Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 10-0023, for the property located at 901 West Ventura Avenue, owner of record, Donna Rae Keen.

Mr. Reese stated that the violation is an unsafe/unlawful sign according to code section 18-449. The owner of the property received first notice of the violation on 5/28/10. When they did not comply, a notice to appear was sent via certified mail on 7/9/10.

Code Officer Garcia verified pictures with the owner of the property.

Ms. Keen nor an agent was present at the meeting. She did, however, send a fax to the office this morning, July 20th, stating that the sign was down. The City of Clewiston has thirty (30) days to verify compliance of this case.

Case No. 10-0025/Charles & Ruth Morrison:

Chairman Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 10-0025, for the property located at 710 South WC Owen Avenue a.k.a. Pacific Trailer Park, owners of record, Charles & Ruth Morrison.

Mr. Reese stated that the violation is an unsafe/unlawful sign according to code section 18-449. The owner of the property received first notice of the violation on 5/28/10. When they did not comply, a notice to appear was sent via certified mail on 7/9/10.

Code Officer Garcia verified pictures with the owner of the property.

Mr. Morrison nor an agent was present at the meeting. The City of Clewiston recommended and Mr. Watt concurred that the owner has thirty (30) days to remove the sign and contact the office that it has been completed at which time the code officer will verify closure of this case. Failure to comply will result in another notice to appear.

Case No. 10-0026/Ali M. Matar:

Chairman Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case

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number 10-0026 for the property located at 211 West Ventura, owner of record, Ali M. Matar.

Mr. Reese stated that the violation is an unsafe/unlawful sign according to code section 18-449. The owner's of the property received first notice of the violation on 5/28/10. When they did not comply, a notice to appear was hand delivered on 7/15/10 by the Clewiston Police Department.

Code Officer Garcia verified pictures with the owner of the property.

Mr. Matar nor an agent was present at the meeting. The City of Clewiston recommended and Mr. Watt concurred that the owner has thirty (30) days to remove the sign and contact the office that it has been completed at which time the code officer will verify closure of this case. Failure to comply will result in another notice to appear.

Case No. 10-0044/Doug Mendosa:

Chairman Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 10-0044, for the property located at 906 Popash Circle, owner of record, Doug Mendosa.

Mr. Reese stated that the violation is an unprotected pool according to code section 18-359. The owner of the property received first notice of the violation on 6/7/10. When they did not comply, a notice to appear was hand delivered on 7/18/10 by the Clewiston Police Department.

Code Officer Garcia verified pictures with the owner of the property.

Mr. Reese stated that the owner has secured a permit and is well on his way in constructing a barrier around the pool.

Mr. Mendosa nor an agent was present at the meeting. The City of Clewiston recommended and Mr. Watt concurred that the owner has thirty (30) days to remove the sign and contact the office that it has been completed at which time the code officer will verify closure of this case. Failure to comply will result in another notice to appear.

Case No. 10-0050/Linda D. Paige:

Chairman Watt announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss and receive input from all interested parties regarding case number 10-0050, for the property located at 425 East Pasadena Avenue, owner of record, Linda D. Paige. Ms. Paige nor an agent was present at the meeting.

Mr. Reese stated that the violation is a junk vehicle according to code section 34-84. The owner of the property received first notice of the violation on 6/19/10. A notice to appear was not sent as the owner had removed the vehicle.

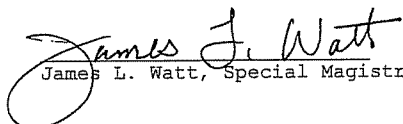
Mr. Watt stated that this case will be dismissed.

Other Business:

Chairman Watt closed the public hearing after receiving no further comments, written or oral, from the audience or the board.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.


James L. Watt, Special Magistrate